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SUBJECT: UNGA THIRD COMMITTEE DEMARCHE DELIVERED TO JORDAN

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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Lawrence C. Mandel,
for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) PolOff delivered reftel demarche on September 4 to Ayman Al-Aamiry, Director of the MFA's International Organizations Bureau. Aamiry took note of the U.S. concern with the use of "No Action" votes in UNGA, and said that in general Jordan opposes such motions. In his view, they are just a polite way of "shutting people up," or a form of "gentle arm twisting." PolOff reinforced the idea that the U.S. hardly sees such motions as gentle, as they encourage the UN to turn a blind eye to egregious violations of human rights. Addressing the Sudan issue briefly, Aamiry said he doubted either the Arab or African states were ready to endorse a strong statement at UNGA.

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